

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, for allowing the opportunity to have such a wonderful man, who has brought so much to so many people's lives, be with us today.

100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF LEES-McRAE COLLEGE, BANNER ELK, NORTH CAROLINA

(Mr. BALLENGER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BALLENGER. Mr. Speaker, today, Lees-McRae College in Banner Elk, North Carolina, celebrates its centennial. It is altogether fitting that we pause to honor the vision and accomplishments of its founder, the Reverend Edgar Tufts, on this celebrated day.

For 100 years, Lees-McRae College has provided a quality, student-centered, values-based education. From its humble beginning in Edgar Tufts's study, Lees-McRae has grown into a fully accredited baccalaureate institution.

In addition, Lees-McRae is committed to being an integral part of the larger community, as witnessed by its outreach projects, cooperative programs with area schools, and humanitarian service activities.

Lees-McRae College is an institution of which the entire Nation should be proud, and we wish it well as it enters its second century.

AMERICAN JOBS BEING SHIPPED OVERSEAS

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, the Pentagon wants to buy combat ships from foreign shipbuilders. Now, if that is not enough to sink your rubber ducky, check this out: we give billions to Russia and billions to China in tax breaks, and, even though the American worker builds the best ships in the world, the Pentagon now wants to buy ships from Russia and China.

Beam me up. Who is running the Pentagon, Monte Hall? I think it is time to tell the Pentagon that we can hire generals and admirals a hell of a lot cheaper from Korea too.

I yield back the fact that American jobs are literally being shipped overseas.

SERVE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

(Mr. GIBBONS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, this Republican Congress is working hard to pass legislation that meets the needs of Americans, such as providing prescription drug coverage, protecting the Medicare and Social Security trust

funds, and paying down the national debt. Unfortunately, this administration and our colleagues on the other side of the aisle have rejected our proposals each and every time.

Now is the time, Mr. Speaker, to meet the needs of the American people.

Nevada is pioneering a plan for prescription drug coverage for our seniors, and this Congress should look seriously at providing similar coverage to all needy American seniors as well. But, like most Nevadans, we are tired of waiting for the Democrats to enact Social Security and Medicare lockbox acts, and they are tired of waiting for a real commitment by the Democrats to pay down our national debt.

This Republican Congress has acted on these priorities; and now, we too are tired of waiting. It is time for this administration and the House Democrats sign into law legislation which has passed this House and meets the needs of the American people.

I yield back the inaction of the Clinton-Gore Administration and the House Democrats, who are more concerned with political rhetoric than serving the American people.

IMPENDING ENERGY PRICE CRISIS

(Mr. PASCRELL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, we find ourselves facing impending cold weather and a looming energy crisis. Oil prices and high energy costs must be an issue on the Nation's agenda.

The rising cost of home heating oil will have a devastating economic impact on 36 percent of the households in the Northeast. We in Congress cannot ignore this.

Currently, home heating oil inventories are down. In fact, stocks of crude oil, gasoline and heating oil in the United States have not been at levels this low since the middle 1970s, when our economy was thrown into turmoil.

The demand for fuel is predicted to increase significantly this winter. We need to do a few things. A home heating oil reserve in the Northeast with an effective trigger is critical to the stability and well-being of all of our constituents.

I am pleased that the President has heeded the bipartisan call of many in Congress to use the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to help lower the price of oil and satisfy some of the demand. Only a small percentage of the released oil will be used for home heating oil, but the message the President has given is clear: the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program and its funding and weatherization assistance is also essential for low-income families.

We must continue to take steps to ensure that low-income families and seniors do not have to make the choice between staying warm or buying food.

TRIBUTE TO TAMMY NELSON, NEBRASKA'S ANGEL IN ADOPTION

(Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor every family who has welcomed an adoptive or foster child into their home, but I want to express my special appreciation to Nebraska's "Angel in Adoption," Tammy Nelson. The award is sponsored by the Congressional Coalition on Adoption.

Tammy and her husband, Jeff, provide a home for two adopted sons, three foster sons, two guardianship sons, one extended family son, and a biological son. That is nine boys, and they also have a grown daughter.

Tammy's busy schedule includes teaching adoption classes. She is also an assistant to a youth group in her church, and she even coaches a girls wrestling team. I have no idea how she gets it all done.

Obviously, Tammy has a strong commitment to her family and community. She makes a big difference in the lives of her children and children across the State. As a grandfather of two adoptive children, I can well understand how much love and dedication it takes to welcome adoptive children into a family.

I want to thank Tammy and Jeff, and everyone who is involved in providing safe, loving homes for our Nation's children.

BRINGING ABDUCTED CHILDREN HOME

(Mr. LAMPSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in my continued effort to bring to this House's attention my deepest concern for the American families destroyed by cases of international child abduction. Today, I will share with my colleagues the story of Gabrielle, Elizabeth and Ashley Millares, who were taken by their non-custodial father, Mr. Arle Millares, on December 25, 1996.

A felony warrant for child concealment was issued in January of 1997. Mr. Millares and the children are believed to be in the Philippines, his place of birth. He does not have American citizenship, nor has he ever had a Social Security number.

Mr. Millares and his children were featured in the December 1997 issue of the Front Line newsletter, a publication of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. Mrs. Jennifer Murphy, the custodial mother, has not seen nor heard from her children in over 6 years.

Mr. Speaker, I come to the floor for these daily one minutes because I care about families and reuniting children with parents. I urge my colleagues to